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Hon. Richard M. Gergel
United States District Judge
P.O. Box 835
Charleston, South Carolina 29402

Re: *United States v. Dylann Roof*, No. 15CR472
**(Filed ex parte under seal)**

Dear Judge Gergel:

We are filing herewith, ex parte and under seal, the defendant's Reply to the Government's Response concerning competency procedures. We are also filing two redacted versions. The first is for public filing, and the second is for service upon the government. We have redacted from the government's version only Section III, which discussed our client's disclosure, made during confidential attorney-client discussions, that he plans to ask to proceed *pro se*.

We regret the complexity of this filing, but see no alternative in light of our duty to protect attorney-client confidences.

Yours truly,

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